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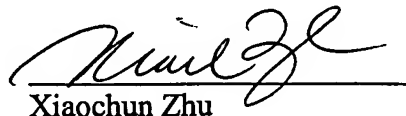
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2005, setting forth a second requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group III, claims 31-42 and 44, drawn to a method of inhibiting the binding of one or more metal ions to the β -amyloid peptide and a method of preventing, treating, or alleviating Alzheimer's disease. In connection with the requirement for species election, Applicants provisionally elect the compound BR7158.

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